



## *July 16 Synopsis*

At its July 16, meeting, Mr. Dirk Charley, Sierra and Sequoia Forest Tribal Relations Program Manager, opened the meeting and noted the recent national exposure that the North Fork Mono Tribe's meadow restoration has received, which overlaps with the Dinkey Collaborative's efforts. Deputy District Ranger Sarah LaPlante then provided an update on the 2015 goals, including volunteer support accounting, prescribed fire funding, post-implementation monitoring and meadow implementation. She then discussed the next project options, including the House and Upper Big Creek Management Unit Groups (MUGs), Bear Fen, and insect mortality response. With two exceptions, the Collaborative recommended House MUG as the next project; the group will continue to work resolve its differences over the summer. Next, Collaborative members provided updates on the public field trip to be held August 21, and prioritized 2015 organizational briefings. After a series of updates, the group also received a briefing and discussed the upcoming work of the Fire Policy Work Group, which is planning to meet with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District in the fall to discuss how to advance the use of prescribed fire while safeguarding public health. The full Collaborative will meet again on August 20, 2015.